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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

As a naturopathic physician practicing since 2006 in the Hartford Hospital Avon Wellness Center I have served thousands of patients and continue to work with specialists and primary care doctors to coordinate and manage their care. In many instances, it has been extremely inconvenient and costly for the patient to need to schedule an additional office visit with another doctor to prescribe medications that I have been trained to prescribe and manage. This costs our health care system extra dollars that we can no longer afford. Furthermore, expanding our scope of practice here in Connecticut will help fill the deficit in primary care in our state.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Stagg